**Instructions for Application for HealthStart Maternity Care Provider Certificate (HS-14)
for Obstetrical Care Services Provider**

Dear Maternity Care Provider:

Thank you for your interest in the HealthStart *Obstetrical Care* program.

Obstetrical care providers listed on an agency's Comprehensive Maternity Care application **must first have a Medicaid provider (billing) number**. Also, obstetrical care providers will need to apply for an <u>individual and/or group</u> HealthStart Obstetrical Care Certificate (a separate application process) to allow them to bill (fee for services, where applicable) HealthStart antepartum, delivery and/or postpartum procedure codes for obstetrical services provided to Medicaid HealthStart patients. **Providers who do not hold an individual HealthStart (HS) Obstetrical Care Certificate will be permitted to bill for services provided only <u>under the regular Medicaid codes.</u>**

In order to facilitate the certification application process, please complete pages 1, 2, 3, and 6 of the applications(s) as follows:

- Page 1, Numbers 1-3 should be information pertaining <u>only</u> to the individual physician, CNM or group practice applying for a HealthStart Obstetrical Care Certificate. For deliveries only; number 15 should list your agency as "the other service provider."

- Page 2, Under "General Services" all answers should be checked yes, since this is included as a requirement in your application.

- Page 2, Medicaid Provider Number is the individual physician or midwife identifying number assigned by Medicaid/Unisys.

- Page 2 and 3, "Medicaid Care Service" (numbers 1-10) should be completed. Starting at the bottom of pages 3 (Health Support Services) through page 5, omit. **Please put "N/A" across these statements.**

- Page 6, This pages should be signed by the physician or midwife applicant. The date of available services should be left blank. HealthStart policy is to assign an effective date which will be the "date stamped" of receipt of application in the HealthStart Program. Any other date should be communicated (written or telephone call) to HealthStart Coordinator for consideration.

- All six (6) pages must be submitted. **<u>Please provide at the top of each page, "Name of Applicant" and the "Medicaid Billing Number."</u>**

- The New Jersey HealthStart Program Provider Agreement (HS-1) must also be <u>signed by the physician or midwife.</u>

A HealthStart certified physician and/or midwife may only submit HealthStart delivery codes for HealthStart patients. A HealthStart patient is a woman who has had at least one prenatal Health Support Services visit beyond the registration visit. Otherwise, the woman is not considered "HealthStart" and delivery services should be billed at the regular Medicaid rates.

If there are any questions please call HealthStart staff at (609) 633-3666.

Sincerely,
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